

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

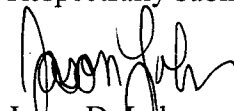
An information disclosure statement (IDS) was submitted by Applicants and date stamped by the Patent Office on December 19, 2005. The IDS included both U.S. Patent documents and two Non-Patent Literature (NPL) Documents. The PAIR system indicates that copies of both NPL Documents were also received by the Patent Office. The Examiner indicated consideration of the patent documents on June 8, 2006, which was mailed with the Office Action dated June 16, 2006. The Examiner did not, however, indicate consideration of the NPL documents. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner consider the NPL documents, if not already considered, and return a signed IDS form indicating such consideration. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's help with this matter.

No changes, substantive or otherwise, are made or intended through this amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cures a formal matter and does not touch the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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